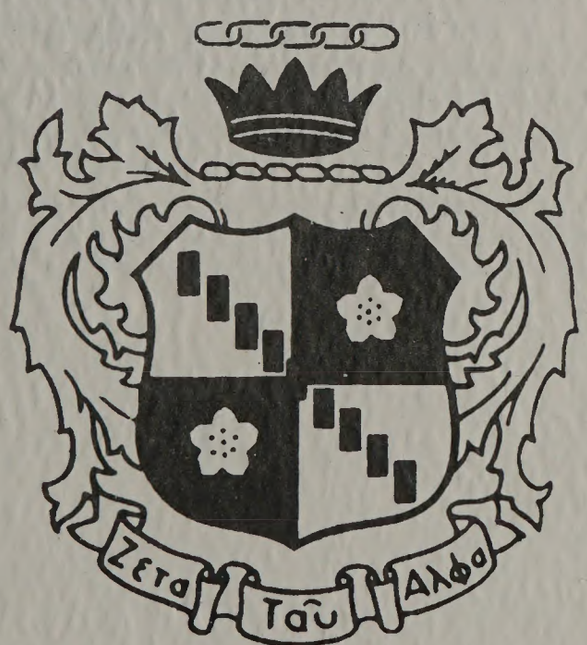

PANHELLENIC HANDBOOK

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Dear Rushees:

What a pleasure it is to welcome you to Centenary.

It is an additional delight to offer my 100% endorsement to one of Centenary's finest products. I'm talking about Panhellenic and the sororities and the girls who make up the Greek system on this campus.

When you participate in rush and meet them, I think you'll agree with me that they are the finest, and no matter what you decide - - whether you choose to belong or not - - I'll bet you'll agree too it is an experience you will long remember and be glad you had.

Sincerely,

Shirley B. Rawlinson

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Dean of Women

Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Panhellenic Council

Centenary College - Box 132 - Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Dear Rushee,

As President of the Panhellenic Council, I would like to congratulate you on your decision to come to Centenary College. Our college has an outstanding reputation, and the students are exceptionally friendly and helpful. I am sure that life at Centenary will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for you.

One of the questions posed by an incoming student is "Should I join a sorority?" You may be wondering what meaning and purpose there is in sorority membership. All sororities are essentially idealistic, committed to high principles and worthwhile projects. Sorority life is designed to help you get the most from your college career. Living with other girls who share your interests and present new interests creates an atmosphere in which you can make special friends, strengthen your character, develop your talents and leadership qualities, better organize your time and do well in your studies. Sorority life teaches both cooperation and acceptance of responsibility as part of leadership development.

The Greek organizations were founded in the precepts of development of the individual and service to society. Today we realize more than ever how important it is to carry on these principles. We know too that it is essential to keep pace with the times and are constantly testing out activities for relevance and need.

Misinformation or lack of it can create an image of what some like to call a "typical sorority girl". Actually there is no such thing as a typical Greek member. Individuality is stressed. The main characteristic members share is the desire to be a part of a group which stands for the very best life has to offer.

The Greek system at Centenary consists of chapters of four national fraternities and three national sororities. The sororities are Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, and Zeta Tau Alpha. The Greeks compose one half of the full-time women students living on campus and are active in all phases of campus life as well as community activities. The Student Senate, Student Faculty committees, and honor societies on campus are composed of many Greeks, and various academic, service, and social activities on and off campus are led by the Greeks. In addition to being active on the campus, the Greek women emphasize scholarship leading the campus in overall grade point average.

I would like to extend to you an invitation to participate in Fall Rush, which is a week set aside for new students to meet and learn more about the sororities and their members. The parties given during Rush Week provide an opportunity for you to become acquainted with fellow rushees, as well as the members of the various sororities.

Later in the summer you will receive more information concerning rush. If you or your parents have any questions about sororities, rush, or Centenary, please contact me, and I will be happy to answer them. I am looking forward to meeting you during Rush this fall!

Sincerely yours,

Anne Welch

Anne H. Welch, President
Panhellenic Council

ALPHA XI DELTA

Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity, founded April 17, 1893, at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois, has grown to 119 collegiate and 166 alumnae chapters. It's Brother Fraternity is Sigma Nu. In the past Alpha Xi Delta's national philanthropy has included settlement schools, war orphans, children's welfare, juvenile delinquency, and since 1973 it has been support of Pittman Hall, a St. Francis Home for Girls in Albany, New York.

Alpha Xi Delta's Centenary chapter was installed March 27, 1931. Local philanthropies (recently) have included fixing Thanksgiving baskets for Brooks Street School in Shreveport, collecting toys for Salvation Army, working with the Campus Park Project, and aiding Shreveport's Open Ear (a hot line service) in miscellaneous tasks. Also March of Dimes Walkathon and Dance Marathon, Glory Youth Organ Bicycle Marathon, Heart Fund Drive, Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Social activities include Christmas Party, parties on other holidays, Fuzzy Pal Party, Popcorn Party for Fraternity Pledges, Annual Rose Formal, Faculty Brownie Party, plus informal get togethers throughout the year.

Colors:	Double Blue and Gold	Pledge Fee:	$25.00
Flower:	Pink Killarney Rose	Monthly Dues:	$15.00
Mascot:	Teddy Bear	Initiation Fee:	$80.00
		NO ASSESSMENTS	

CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega was founded April 5, 1895 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. With 158 collegiate chapters and 600 alumnae chapters in 41 states, we boast 115,000 members. The national headquarters is located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Chi Omega National stresses emphasis in the area of education and the Service Fund Publications are the result of extensive research in the social sciences, sponsored by Chi Omega. The National Achievement Award is presented to distinguished women of the world.

The Iota Gamma chapter of Chi Omega was installed at Centenary February 4, 1928. Centenary Chi Omegas emphasize work with the underprivileged, having sponsored an orphan in Hong Kong, and volunteer work at the Noel Neighborhood center. In addition Chi O's have always worked with Open Ear Listening Service, Heart Fund, Arthritis Association and the March of Dimes. Our emphasis for the 1973-74 school year has been volunteer work for Sister Margaret's Center for the needy. Iota Gamma's enjoy our annual Fall Barnyard Party and the Spring Formal.

Colors:	Cardinal and Straw	Pledge Fee:	$20.00
Flower:	White Carnation	Monthly Dues:	$13.00
Mascot:	Wise Ole Owl	Initiation Fee:	$67.50

ZETA TAU ALPHA

We're ZETA TAU ALPHA – – Welcome to Naryland.

These words introduce you to Zeta Tau Alpha, the oldest women's fraternity at Centenary. As Zeta sisters, we share a fun-filled year of activities, parties and sisterhood. Zeta Tau Alpha International includes 161 collegiate and 335 alumnae chapters in both the United States and Canada.

Our Centenary chapter, Beta Iota, is 47 years old and is the largest women's Greek organization on campus. Zetas are found on the Dean's List, at TGIF's, all around campus, in Student Government, Maroon Jackets, Centenary Choir, intramurals or just messing around the house. Working with mentally retarded children (our national philanthropy), Heart Fund drive, Open Ear, the March of Dimes, and underpriviledged children, Zetas are ready to give a helping hand. Zeta sisters are always willing to lend a book, a buck or a shoulder to cry on.

Looking around the Zeta house you'll find white violets, Raggedy Anns, and remnants of Homecoming decorations, Spring Formal, and Las Vegas Night. You'll see many kinds of people doing many different things. Individuals all, Zeta sisters are united through love, "the greatest of all things."

Colors:	Turquoise Blue & Steel Gray	Pledge Fee:	$25.00
Monthly Dues:	$12.00	Initiation Fee:	$60.00

1974 RUSH WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, August 26	Panhellenic Double Dip	6:00 – 7:30 p. m.	Crumley Gardens (In case of rain, Student Union Building)
Wednesday, August 27	Open Houses	7:00 – 7:45 p. m. 8:00 – 8:45 p. m. 9:00 – 9:45 p. m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Thursday, August 28	Pick up invitations for Invitational Parties	2:30 – 3:30 p. m.	Smith Building
	Invitational Party	7:00 – 7:45 p. m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Friday, August 29	Invitational Parties	6:00 – 7:45 p. m. 8:15 –10:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Saturday, August 30	Pick up invitations for Preference Parties	11:00 –12:00 a.m.	Smith Building Auditorium
	Preference Parties	6:00 – 7:30 p.m. 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
	Sign Preference Blanks	10:00 –12:00 p.m.	Student Union Building Television Room
Sunday, August 31	Bids Issued	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Smith Building
	Pledging	5:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges

WHAT TO WEAR

Panhellenic Double Dip – Nice Sportswear
Open Houses – Casual Dress
Invitational Parties – Nice Pantsuit or Pants outfit
Preference Parties – Church Dress
Pledging – White Dress and White Heels

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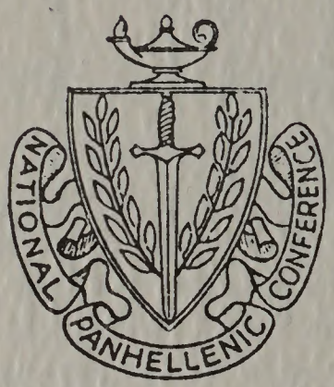

The shield is a protective
influence for our entire membership.
A lamp denotes leadership, scholarship
and enlightenment.
The laurel wreath signifies victory,
or achievement of ideals.
While the sword piercing the wreath
indicates willingness to fight for
ideals, symbolizing, too, penalty of
obligation; also bravery, achievement
and discipline.
The mantling surrounding the shield is
the protecting cloak that education
gives us, and a protective influence
of organization.
Thus there in the mantle is inscribed
the name of the National Panhellenic
Conference.